Improved Streetscapes to Help Guide People Downtown

With the Downtown Core Vision & Action Plan staging key commercial, transit, and entertainment centers throughout Downtown, the City of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency (EDA) along with its team of planning, lighting, landscape traffic engineering, and urban design professionals from AECOM, is developing an improved streetscape plan to help guide people Downtown.

For people traveling through the various Downtown corridors and accessing opposite ends of the City’s core areas, it will be important to provide drivers and pedestrians with streets that offer walkable sidewalks, on-street parking, and proper lighting among other aspects of improved streetscapes.

As such, the EDA and its partners have identified seven streets, corridors and areas to develop a number of concepts and schematic designs for streetscape improvements. The areas include the following:

- Second (2nd) Street Gateway at I-215 Freeway
- Fourth (4th) Street Corridor – H Street to Arrowhead Avenue
- Fifth (5th) Street Gateway at I-215 Freeway
- Fifth (5th) Street Corridor – H Street to Arrowhead Avenue
- Court Street Corridor – E Street to Arrowhead Avenue
- E Street Corridor – Court Street to Fifth (5th) Street
- F Street Corridor – Fourth (4th) Street to Fifth (5th) Street

The streetscape concept will incorporate a number of design considerations including:

- Opportunities for enhancing future development
- Tree/plant placement
- Street and curb realignment
- Reconfiguration of on-street parking
- Sustainable design practices for the creation of “green streets”
- Street tree typology by street or area
- Landscape planting
- Infrastructure constraints
- Gateway and wayfinding signage opportunities
- Lighting and site furnishings
- Prioritizing and phasing of streetscape construction projects, and
- Cost estimates for each street/study area

The preparation of concepts and schematic designs will start in late August and will take up to six months to complete. The EDA will host two public meetings/workshops later this year to provide the community an opportunity for input during the design process.

Streetscape improvements were originally included in the design concepts for the Downtown Core Vision & Action Plan. Overall, the inclusion of these proposed streetscape plans will improve the aesthetics and encourage people to explore the rest of the new Downtown.

For more information on the Streetscape Design Project for Downtown, contact Jeffrey Smith, Senior Urban Planner, at (909) 663-1044, or visit the EDA web page at www.sbrda.org.
Second Community Meeting to be Held for High Groundwater Mitigation Project

The Inland Valley Development Agency (IVDA) is working on a design and engineering effort to mitigate high groundwater and liquefaction hazards associated with development in Downtown San Bernardino. With the design and engineering process in full swing, the IVDA will host its second Community Meeting on **Wednesday, August 18, at the Norman F. Feldheym Central Library located at 555 West 6th Street in San Bernardino**.

The first presentation begins at 1 p.m. while the second starts at 6:30 p.m. The presentations will show different urban design alternatives and how they work with the groundwater mitigation alternative. This project is being led by a team of engineering and planning professionals from PACE Advanced Water Engineering. For more information, contact Alex Estrada, Project Manager, IVDA, at (909) 382-4100.

Sewer Line Rerouting Creates Jobs, Sets Groundwork for New Courthouse

Construction on the new courthouse to be located at 247 West 3rd Street is not set to start until early 2011, but work will soon begin for the new building. Next month, Weka Construction Company - based in Redlands – will begin rerouting an existing 18-inch sanitary sewer line to accommodate the new courthouse, bringing much needed jobs to the local economy.

When construction begins on the building in 2011, hundreds of construction jobs will be generated and upon its completion, the new, larger courthouse will bring additional permanent jobs to the region compared to the old facility.

The new Courthouse, was designed by the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), consists of a 36-courtroom facility and 385 surface parking spaces for court visitors and staff as well as 40 secured parking spaces. As one of the projects contributing to Downtown San Bernardino’s revitalization efforts, the courthouse will cost an estimated $349.1 million, and is expected to be open for operations by early 2013.

For more information on the rerouted sewer line, please contact Kathleen Robles, Project Manager, at 909 663-1044. For more information about the courthouse, visit [www.courthome.ca.gov/programs/ocm/projects_sanbernardino.htm](http://www.courthome.ca.gov/programs/ocm/projects_sanbernardino.htm)

Join Us in Downtown

**Downtown Harvest Market**
Every Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Court Square: Downtown San Bernardino – Corner of E and Court Streets

**Court Street Square Community Concert Series**
Downtown San Bernardino – Corner of E and Court Streets

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All performances start at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit [www.courystreetsquare.com](http://www.courystreetsquare.com)

**21st Annual Route 66 Rendezvous**
Downtown San Bernardino – September 16-19, 2010
For more information visit [www.route-66.org/index.htm](http://www.route-66.org/index.htm)